

HOUSING IN PUBLIC LANDS ADVOCATED

Ten Year Rental Plan Suggested by Edward Polak, Register of Bronx County.

VIEW OF REALTY BOARD

Conversion of Three and Four Story Dwellings to Multi-Family Use Recommended.

Suggestions to the Legislature regarding the means of adopting to remedy the housing shortage continue to be made as that body convenes to-night in special session for that purpose.

Among the schemes made public yesterday was that of Edward Polak, Register of Bronx County. He would have the Legislature grant the State and municipalities power to rent lands they own for ten year terms, the rental rate being the payment of taxes and water rent on the property, from which the municipalities now receive income. According to the scheme as he has worked it out, 15,000 families could be housed in the city owned land here, and live for ten years at an average cost of \$40.00 a year for each family.

A statement issued by Richard O. Chittick, executive secretary of the Real Estate Board of New York, outlines the views of that body as they have already been forwarded to the Legislature. The board, he says, urges the Legislature to reject any proposal concerning State or municipal house building, making the rent laws more drastic, applying their provisions to buildings other than of residential character, fixing rents on net income, increasing the rate of interest or exempting new construction from taxation.

Analysis of Problem.

The board has formulated its recommendations along the lines of the plan announced at the regular session of the Legislature, Mr. Chittick said, amplifying the main accordance with a "situation since grown worse" and based on the belief that the Governor and most of the Legislature realize that the problem confronting them at the session is not to check rent profiteering so much as to increase the housing supply, "and not to be deluded by hampering construction and alienating investors by further restrictions, but by removing existing restrictions in so far as this can properly be done." Mr. Chittick's statement continued:

"The board recommends for permanent relief amendments to the rent laws which will make them no less an obstacle to unjust rent raising, but less of an economic obstacle, or failing this, that the Legislature give the rules adopted by the Municipal Court Justices the force of law. It urges the exemption of the interest on mortgages from the provisions of the income tax law, as to bring mortgage money into the construction field, and it suggests that perhaps the savings banks could lend on bond and mortgage nearly up to the limit of 65 per cent of their deposits. The banking law should also be amended so as to utilize the State Land Bank to its highest efficiency.

Conversion of Buildings.

"As emergency legislation the board recommends the conversion of old three and four story dwellings to multi-family use, under suitable amendments to the present house law, and that authority be vested in the Board of Real Estate to grant variations from several drastic provisions of the law. It recommends a proposal for local, unpaid advisory boards to be appointed by the respective Divisions of the Supreme Court to advise the Municipal Court Justices where rent disputes are involved.

"It also suggests that brokers be licensed so as to bring irresponsible brokers under State control. It points to the danger of the Legislature accepting numerous proposals and urges it to reject certain ones sure to be made.

These recommendations, Mr. Chittick stated, embody the thought of a dozen organizations that have expressed approval of the board's programme except on the question of exemption of new construction, on which there is some difference of opinion. Favoring the exemption are the Association of Apartment Owners and Builders and the Investing Builders Association, while of open mind are the Advisory Council on Real Estate Interests and the Merchants Association; those supporting the board's opposition to exemption include the Brooklyn Board of Real Estate, the Building Managers and Owners Association, the Building Trades Employers Association, the Central Mercantile Association, the Long Island Real Estate and the Queens Chamber of Commerce.

MANY INDICTMENTS FOR NASSAU GAMING

Six or Seven Officials Virtually Certain to Be Accused.

The day of reckoning for at least half a dozen officials of Nassau county and two prominent residents of Queens who have been involved in Nassau county system of prohibited gambling is rapidly approaching, according to word which reached yesterday through the county yesterday.

The results of the John Doe investigations of the gambling system, held by Supreme Court Justice Townsend Seander, with the aid of District Attorney Charles R. Weeks, are not yet complete and the work of piecing together a full picture of evidence is still in progress. Enough has been accomplished already it is said to make practically certain the indictment of at least six or seven officials, as well as two men living outside the county.

The next Nassau county Grand Jury will convene on October 4 and this body will consider the evidence gathered against the officials. It is said that protection of gambling houses is not the only type of misdeed one or two of the suspects have been involved in. The theft of motor cars in the county is also being investigated with a view to determining whether there is anything organized about it. There is also a possibility that a system of petty grafting on automobile speeders may be dragged into the light.

HYLAN ENTERS PHONE FIGHT.

Says Company Is Not in Need of Funds.

Mayor Hylan has written to Corporation Counsel John P. O'Brien asking him to counsel the New York Telephone Company is not in need of funds which it desires to raise through an increase in rates for which it has petitioned. The Mayor instructs the Corporation Counsel to ask the Public Service Commission for a public hearing on the company's petition as early as convenient.

Instead of needing money, the Mayor says he is informed "that the company has in recent years to a large extent made its extension to plant and service out of revenue collected from the consumers and not from the investments by stockholders."

IS YOUR LEFT EAR FOR SALE? HERE'S \$2,000 OFFER FOR IT

Cuban Wants It Medium Sized and Healthy and Cares Only for Looks, as He Can Hear Quite Well Enough With the Other One.

Frank S. Cusada, 29 years old, son of a sugar planter at Mantanzas, Cuba, is willing to pay \$2,000 or whatever the owner thinks is a fair price for a medium sized, healthy left ear. The ear is to be attached to Mr. Cusada's head to replace one that a horse stepped on down in Cuba and wrenched off almost entirely.

As Mr. Cusada is perfectly able to hear with his right ear—the one that is left, so to speak—he wants the additional article solely for purposes of art and symmetry. Since he took the fearful ride that ended in the horse attacking a somewhat and his being wrenched off, he has been searching among the medical profession for relief.

He tried tin ears and other devices of shrewd manufacturers who supply humans with missing parts, but the appearance always was unsatisfactory, and when he brushed his hair the contraption was likely to fall off. He also was referred to old Dr. Dempsey for a caulked ear, but Dr. Dempsey had already contracted for his entire supply.

Two weeks ago Mr. Cusada arrived here for a visit and upon the advice of his friends called upon a surgeon of the West Side. The surgeon looked over the small part of ear Cusada still had and said nothing could be simpler. He would graft on a new ear and possibly might succeed in connecting it with Cusada's hearing apparatus—but Cusada would have to provide the ear.

The planter's son was so encouraged that he had an ear fitted. But there seemed to be a shortage in the market. No one had been so unfortunate as to have an ear taken off by accident that might by any chance be available, and some of those still alive in hospitals, but failing, had an ear of the exact size and contour that Mr. Cusada required. He determined to appeal to the public for ears. The deal is a straight out buy, and the ear will be lost permanently if Mr. Cusada decides to buy it. But Mr. Cusada seemed to be well supplied with funds and said the ear giver could name his price.

Mr. Cusada is stopping at 188 East 122d street.

SING SING PREPARED FOR BANDIT ATTACK

Report That Armed Band Would Try to Release Prisoners Only a Hoax.

Sing Sing was guarded last night against an outside attack by guards who patrolled with repeating rifles instead of the usual revolvers. It was the second time in the ninety-five years of Sing Sing history that an all night vigil was maintained to prevent an expected assault.

The watch probably was unnecessary. A report was received at the prison early yesterday morning that an attempt had been made to cut off the prison's lighting supply, which might have meant a plan to effect a jail delivery, but this report, traced down last night, appeared to have been a hoax.

Warden Lewis E. Lawes was notified by the New Rochelle police that six armed men had entered the New Rochelle station of the Westchester Lighting Company, and at revolver point had commanded George Benz, the engineer, to throw out the switch which supplied current to the prison. The company has a lightning station at Ossining.

Two days ago the warden had made arrangements to get current from the Westchester company during alterations and repairs to the Sing Sing power house. Since the electric chair was installed the prison has had its own lighting power. The change of current had not been made, however.

Upon receiving the report Warden Lawes ordered out all available guards, arming them with rifles, and personally took up a post on the prison lawn, armed with an automatic revolver. He remained on duty until dawn. No one appeared to menace the prison.

Last night it was stated by Frank Stratton, president of the Westchester Lighting Company, that Engineer Benz had not been held up and no masked men had entered the station. So far as he could learn there was no basis for the story. He said some one must have invented the story. Benz and perpetrated the story on the New Rochelle police as a joke.

Warden Lawes was surprised that anything was known outside the prison of his intention of borrowing current from the Westchester Lighting Company, and said he believed convicts must have relayed the word to friends. The guard was kept on as scheduled. Ben Junius Gilroy and James Larkin, convicted of criminal anarchy, began serving their sentences at the prison a few weeks ago. Additional precautions were taken because of the warnings circulated after the Wall street explosion that prisoners were to be freed.

STRANGLER OF WOMAN LEFT FINGER PRINTS

Jersey Officials Expect to Find Her Murderer.

Imprints of four fingers on the throat of Mrs. Mary Grembowicz of South Amboy, N. J., are expected by the New Jersey authorities to prove valuable clues in their search for the person who strangled Mrs. Grembowicz to death in the East River at South Amboy late Friday night. The murder is believed by the police to have been committed near the grave of Mrs. Grembowicz's son, to visit which she had gone to the cemetery. The body was dragged to a clump of bushes near the cemetery gates, where it was found by her other two sons.

From the condition of Mrs. Grembowicz's clothing the police believe that the robbers had expected to find a large amount of money on her. Her sons, however, said that she had little or no cash when she left home. An autopsy performed by the county medical authorities clearly showed that Mrs. Grembowicz had been strangled. She was 59 years old.

A. P. GIELES KILLED IN CRASH.

Motorist Accused of Homicide as Result of Collision.

An automobile in which Albert P. Gieles, clerk of the American Ice Company at Catskill, was riding crashed into another machine yesterday afternoon at Amboy road and Rossville avenue, Princeton, N. J., and Gieles was killed and his wife, Mrs. Anna Gieles, and Mrs. Minnie Davis of Catskill were seriously injured. Clarence Travis of Catskill, who drove the car, was not hurt.

The other machine was owned and operated by George Blanchard of 2020 Richmond terrace, Port Richmond. He was arrested and taken to the Trenton police station on a charge of homicide.

The police said that Blanchard was being instructed by a chauffeur, David Price of 1619 Richmond terrace, when he lost control of the car.

DRIVER STABBED TO DEATH.

Another Truckster Held for Death of William Lynch.

Stabbed with a jackknife in a fight that started in a saloon, William Lynch, a truck driver of 33 Mack street, Brooklyn, died at death at Sands and Gold streets yesterday before an ambulance could arrive from the Long Island College Hospital.

Patrolman Harry McMahon of the Poplar street police station, attracted by the uproar, chased for several blocks and captured William McCarron, also a truck driver of 235 High street. McCarron was held on a charge of homicide.

Staten Island Welcomes Holy Name Convention.

Fifteen thousand people turned out in Staten Island yesterday to see the parade of the Holy Name Society of the Archdiocese of New York. The parade, headed by a brass band, assembled at Port Richmond and marched to the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, at West New Brighton.

The convention transacted only routine business.

IN BUSY IN EUROPE GAINING, SAYS FAHEY

Good Crops in Germany, but Manufacturers Halt Through Need of Materials.

FAVORS LOAN BY U. S.

America Is Missing Some Good Opportunities, He Declares, Reviewing Conditions.

Europe is coming back slowly, with the exception of Germany, whose industries are halted by lack of raw materials, according to Frank J. Fahey of Boston, vice-president of the Gillette Safety Razor Company, who recently returned from the Continent on the Aquitania.

Mr. Fahey spent ten weeks touring through Great Britain, France, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Scandinavia, Spain and Italy, and in all these countries he carefully studied business conditions. Discussing conditions abroad, Mr. Fahey said:

"England shows great signs of business activities. Her mills are working overtime, some three shifts, and they, on the whole, are taking advantage of the world's demand and are striving to meet it. Finances seem better, although naturally it will take time for the pound sterling to again become normal.

"In Norway, Sweden and Denmark conditions are somewhat mixed. Norway's fish industry has suffered from loss of ships, and the little country is working hard to get back the lost tonnage. Crops seem abundant in Sweden, but labor conditions are disturbing. Then, too, Sweden's principal customer in the past, Germany, is not active, and this reflects itself in Sweden's industrial life.

Great Future for Denmark.

"In Denmark I found intense activity. In addition to good crops and a fine cattle industry, Denmark is working the new free port of Copenhagen, is fast becoming an important port for transshipment, such as Hamburg was before the war. The Danish merchant is active and clever and is working hard with this wonderful opportunity before him.

Germany's rapid recovery is checked by lack of materials which could be secured from this country, Mr. Fahey said. He expressed the belief that within a year Germany would be a good stroke of business.

"In Germany I saw good crops and great activity in the fields," he said. "Germany's rolling stock, however, is practically all and her mills and factories are mostly idle for want of raw materials. Only in the great Ruhr valley at Essen, Oberhausen, Elberfeld, Düsseldorf, did I see activity; there the great Krupp works are busy making new locomotives and cars for the German Government.

"The German spirit is low at present; they are anxious to get matters of the war settled with the Allies. After that, Germany is a very hopeful of a large loan, from America, of course, with which to buy raw materials in America. With this arranged, and frankly I believe it would be good business, you will find Germany's 60,000,000 people at work again sixteen hours a day to regain their commercial position in the world.

"Our company has faith in Germany's recovery, and while in Germany I stated to our new German Gillette company, with 1,000,000 marks capital, to be ready if our Government ever stops playing and declares the war with Germany at an end.

Holland Is Prosperous.

"Holland is prosperous. Her people are serious minded, sturdy citizens, and that little country, so I am told, now ranks third in the world's shipping. Their currency has not been inflated and the country is not suffering from the most able money in Europe to-day.

"Belgium is coming back rapidly. Her crops seem fine and her tourist trade good, and her merchants predict that in six months Belgium's exports will equal her imports. The Belgian franc is very strong, and with a tendency to move back toward normal.

"France, we all know, is working hard, and will recover in time. Crops are abundant, and the French peasantry, the soul of France, are hard at work. In addition to France's sufferings in the war, she has suffered a serious curtailment of her wine export business.

"Spain and Switzerland also are prosperous; they did not suffer the excessive burdens of the war, and their population is intact. In both these countries the currency is only a shade below normal. Switzerland at this season, however, is suffering from a loss of the tourist travelers. These tourists are busy on the battle front, and many hotels in Switzerland have not opened for the season.

Too Much Revolt in Italy.

"Italy is having much trouble from labor agitators and disturbers of the general type that we have known in America. The Italian Government is just now taking strong measures against these unpatriotic and bomb throwing agitators, and recently has been taking steps to suppress the Italian lira is very weak, due largely to the disturbances there.

"On the whole, Europe is coming back slowly, but surely, and with patience and perseverance it will again be normal, although I don't expect that to be at once.

"You ask me about American commerce in Europe? I see only very little evidence of it. American business houses are rushing around madly, installing branches here and there and then falling to follow up and see what is going on.

CONY SEASON CLOSING WITH MARDI GRAS END

Crowd of 100,000 on Last Day Finds It Chilly.

More than a touch of autumn in the wind kept the crowd at Coney Island on the last day of Mardi Gras down to 100,000 and most of those went home early.

Yesterday afternoon prizes were awarded in Luna Park to 190 children who took part in the parade Saturday afternoon. The crowd Saturday night was one of the biggest ever assembled on the island, despite the car strike, and a good many persons were still shooting the chutes and enjoying the other amusements up to 4 o'clock yesterday morning.

The Coney Island season officially closed last night, when the bands of Stiepelhae and Luna Park joined and serenaded the fire house and police station.

FRENCH BATTLEFIELD SWALLOWS UP YOUTH

Father Appeals for Aid in Search for Canadian.

Failing to find any trace of his son, Gunner Robert Hector Hamilton of the Twenty-fourth Battery, Eighth Army Brigade, Canadian Expeditionary Force, who disappeared from an advance dressing station in France in August, 1918, despite the fact that the military authorities of all the allied nations have made investigations and the bodies of two unidentified soldiers have been exhumed in the hope either of them might be the missing soldier, Henry C. Hamilton, a barrister, of 40 Wells street, Toronto, has appealed to The Sun and New York Herald to aid in the search for his son.

Gunner Hamilton was wounded in the head on the morning of August 8, 1918, near Domart, France. He was treated at four different dressing stations, the last of which was at "Boyes," near Amiens. In the course of the investigation it was learned that two unidentified soldiers, apparently Americans, had passed through the dressing station at "Boyes" during the night of August 7-8, 1918. Both of these men died the following day, and it was their bodies that were exhumed but with no result. One of the men was 19 years old and had been graduated from Upper Canada College just before the outbreak of the European war. He was a clerk in the Imperial Bank of Canada when the war broke out in 1914. His father formerly was the Mayor of St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo. Hamilton was the first Canadian wounded in the war.

LACKAWANNA STRIKE, ALSO LEHIGH'S, ENDED

Workers Claim Victory in Agreement With Roads.

So-called outlaw strikers of the Lackawanna and Lehigh Valley railroads were released from their strike yesterday and received leave to their old jobs. The announcement was made at a meeting of 1,500 strikers in Grand View Hall, Jersey City, and it was said that the strikers regarded the terms as at least a complete victory for the men. The principal features of the terms are that the men return with their former seniority privileges, old men and cripples to be taken care of first.

The men have already gone back to work for the Erie Railroad and a meeting is scheduled for to-day between representatives of the strikers and the Jersey Central lines, at which it is expected, an agreement will also be reached.

That would leave the Pennsylvania Railroad as the only line affected by the outbreak strike on the Jersey City and Perth Amboy sections. When the various agreements, made and prospective, have gone into effect, normal conditions will virtually have been restored.

NEGRO RUNNING AMUCK STABS THREE PERSONS

First Smashes Store Window in West 54th Street.

The plate glass window of a store in West Fifty-fourth street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, was shattered by a thrown brick yesterday afternoon and several passersby started running toward the place, believing a robbery had taken place. They were met by a negro brandishing a long knife.

David O'Connor, 17 years old, of 550 West Fifty-first street, the first to get in the man's path, was struck down with a knife thrust in the right side. Two men behind O'Connor also were cut, less severely. The negro broke through the crowd and ran into a tenement in Tenth avenue near Fifty-second street.

O'Connor, who had fallen in the street, was carried into a drug store and the other injured men, Thomas Fleming, 20 years old, of 55 West Fifty-first street, and Fred Dyzyn, 45 years old, of 534 West Fifty-fifth street, went there to get their wounds bandaged. They were cut on the wrists and arms.

FOUR MEN ARRESTED IN TWO ROBBERY CASES

One Victim Gives Up Watch and \$135; Other \$39.

Armed Wiers, 251 West 139th street, was invited for a ride in Central Park Saturday afternoon by two men in an automobile. When they came to a lonely section he was robbed of a gold watch and \$135 and thrown out of the automobile. Wiers' cries brought Detectives Manning and Moore, and Wiers gave information which led to the arrest of James McNally of 562 West Fifty-fourth street. McNally was arraigned yesterday in West Side court and was held on a charge of robbery of \$12,000 bail.

Three men charged with robbing a chauffeur they had hired to drive them from Coney Island to Manhattan were arraigned yesterday in Tombs court. The driver, Jacob Scharfstein of 353 South Third street, Brooklyn, said there were four men in the car, but one of them escaped. As they reached Renwick street, Canal street, Manhattan, Scharfstein was told to stop. The men threatened to shoot and took \$39 from him, he said.

Scharfstein turned into Canal street and signaled to Patrolman John A. Nelson and Joseph Scott. The men became alarmed and jumped out, one escaping. Those arrested were Charles A. Wilson, 156 West Sixty-fifth street; Ben, secretary, 435 West Twenty-third street; and Joseph Mosher, 327 West Houston street. They pleaded not guilty and the case was set over until to-day.

TO PLAN CELEBRATION OF GREEN CENTENARY

Committee Will Meet To-day to Arrange Event.

A memorial committee appointed by Mayor Hylan under a resolution of the Board of Aldermen will hold its first meeting in City Hall this afternoon to arrange a suitable celebration for the centenary of Andrew H. Green, "father of Greater New York."

"To him the city and State of New York are indebted for the creation and promotion of institutions which are landmarks in our civic progress," Mayor Hylan said in announcing the appointment of the committee. The members are Joseph Haag, chairman; Albert C. Henschel, vice-chairman; Francis P. Bent, secretary; Jacob A. Cantor, Dr. George P. Kuntz, William Hilly and John W. Sinnott.

700 B. R. T. STRIKERS VOTE TO STAY OUT

Trouble Feared When Survivors of Walkout Seek to Get Returned Men to Quit.

MORE FUNDS PROMISED

Appeal to Governor and Mayor President for 'Fair Play' Urged.

Seven hundred B. R. T. strikers, the survivors of the three week fight for recognition of the union, were encouraged last night at a meeting in the Labor Lyceum, Brooklyn, to hold on still longer with promises that sixty-two delegates of the Amalgamated would raise funds from New York and New Jersey branches to carry them through to victory.

A conference of the delegates was held before the meeting of the 700, and when the report was received enthusiasm ran high. Neither Patrick J. Shea nor Louis Fridger attended the meeting, being in conference at headquarters in the Hotel Continental, Manhattan, so it was reported.

Trouble may result to-day from a decision of the strikers to make an appeal to those who have gone back to stand by the union. Circulars were handed out to be shown at a meeting to-day, and delegates were appointed to make personal appeals to the men running the cars.

The first result of these orders was four arrests at Myrtle and Wiloughby

'CUT THE BUDGET' Hylan Demands

Mayor Protests Against the Scramble for Appropriations.

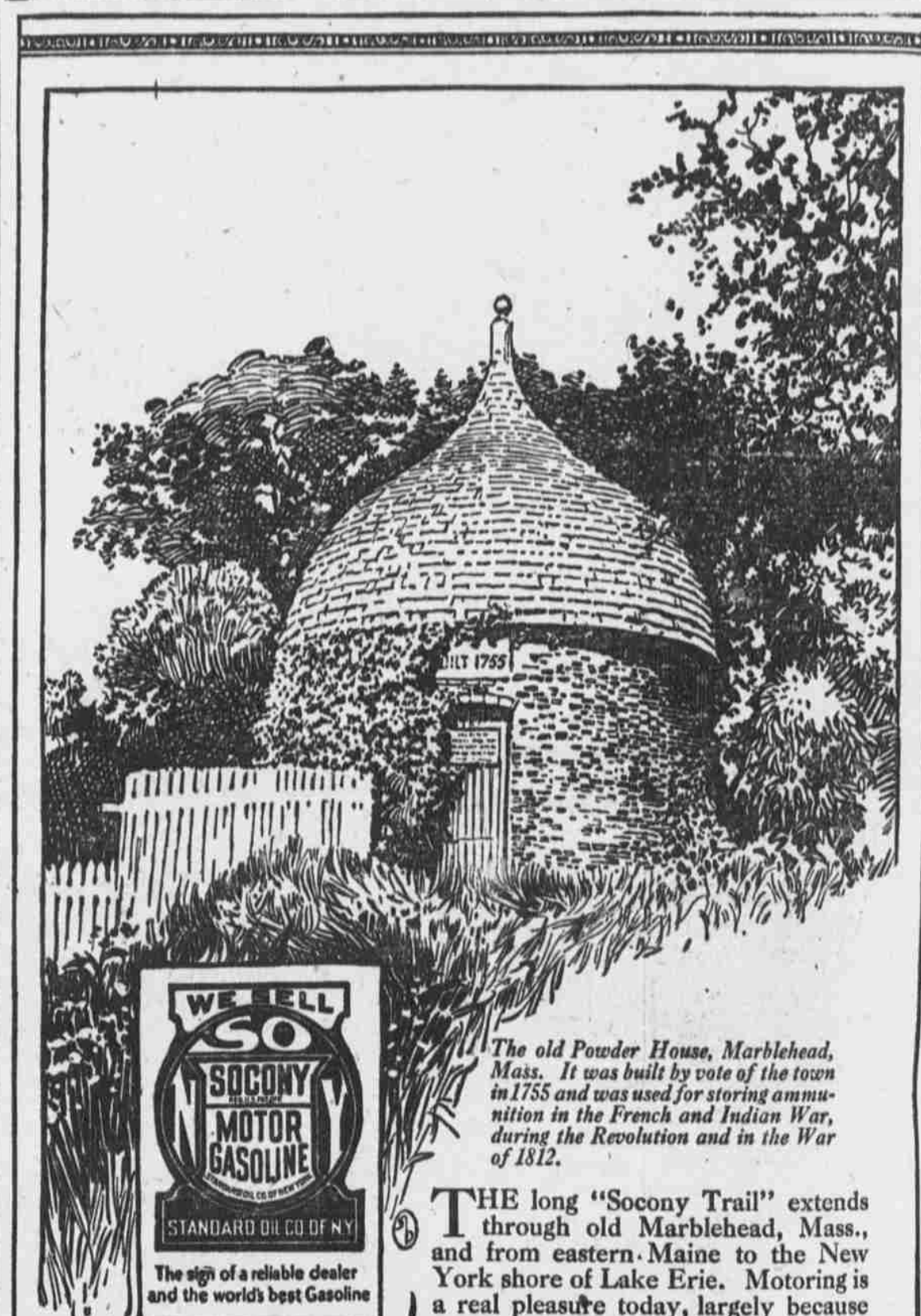
Declaring that the various estimates for 1921 put in by the city departments have been "a wild scramble for unlimited appropriations," Mayor Hylan has written a letter to the other members of the Board of Estimate, of which he is chairman, asking their "cooperation in an effort to put a check upon the demands for tremendous increases in the 1921 budget." Approval of the appropriations which have been requested, the Mayor said, would mean a budget in excess of the constitutional limit.

In speaking of the departmental demands, the Mayor continued: "No regard apparently has been had for the resulting burden upon the taxpayers. It behooves every member of the Board of Estimate and Appropriations to give prompt attention to the many large requests made.

"A higher budget means a higher tax rate, and the taxpaying community is entitled to some relief. The Legislature, through mandatory legislation, has added many millions to the local burden of the taxpayers. No blame attaches to the city government and it shares no responsibility for the financial burden imposed by mandatory legislation. There is, however, an obligation resting upon us to see that the staggering burdens placed upon the taxpayers are not increased through lack of economy in expenditure of the funds over which we exercise control."

OLIVE THOMAS'S BODY SHIPPED

The body of Miss Olive Thomas, motion picture actress, who died in Paris on September 10, will arrive on board the Mauretania, which is due here September 24. The funeral will take place on the funeral church, Broadway and 48th street, on a date which will be announced later.



The old Powder House, Marblehead, Mass. It was built by vote of the town in 1755 and was used for storing ammunition in the French and Indian War, during the Revolution and in the War of 1812.

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